

# GOOD SHEPHERD SCHOOL



\* Hello \* Kia Ora \* Malo e Lelei \* Namaste \* Cead Mile Failte \* Talofa Lava \*  
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## From the principal....

Tēnā koutou nga mihi ki a koutou

Greetings to you all!

Our **Good Shepherd Charter and Strategic Plan 2016 - 2018** reminds us about our obligations under the Treaty of Waitangi, Te Tiriti o Waitangi in the following statement:

### What we are trying to achieve:

1. To create an environment that reflects New Zealand's heritage and the partnership envisioned in the Treaty of Waitangi, Te Tiriti o Waitangi.
2. To develop teaching programmes that recognise the skills and needs of Māori students.

The Treaty made us one country but acknowledged that we are two people. We should not be threatened by this biculturalism, but rather we should be proud of it and make the most of what makes our country unique in the world. The New Zealand Catholic Bishops have recognized the bicultural foundation of our nation:

*"Te Tiriti acknowledges the special place of Māori people as tangata whenua (the people of the land) – that is, indigenous. The Treaty also provides the moral basis for the presence of all other peoples in Aotearoa-New Zealand and guarantees reciprocal rights between the Crown and Maori."*

*A Commemoration Year for Aotearoa-NZ, NZCBC, 1990*

What does this mean for us at Good Shepherd School? We hope that you have noticed the progress your children are making in speaking Te Reo Māori as we have worked hard over the last few years to build our capacity to teach this wonderful language. We have thriving Kapa Haka groups which perform regularly for both school and outside audiences; welcoming visitors with a powhiri has become part of the way we do things at our school and our children learn about the Treaty, especially around Waitangi Day. At the moment we are celebrating the special time of Matariki, the Māori New Year, and you would have enjoyed Room 6's wonderful depiction of the story of Matariki if you were able to come to assembly last week. We are also looking forward to **Maori Language Week- Te Wiki o te Reo Māori 2016** in a few week's time. Meanwhile, let us all enjoy this time of reflection and preparation for the year ahead and I wish you all New Year blessings.

Nga mihi Matariki!



## Welcome

We extend a very warm welcome to the following new students who have started with us recently:

**CJ Solis**                      **Benjamin Maddox**  
**Genevieve Vogels**

### School Attendance Dues

If you are paying by term, the instalment for term 2 is now due. All accounts are required to be settled by 1<sup>st</sup> December 2016. If you have any questions or wish to discuss your account, please contact Kathryn in the school office.

### Good Shepherd Awards

Last week we congratulated **Olivia D’Rose** from Room 2 and **Kasha Ihaia** from Room 6 for winning the Good Shepherd Awards. Olivia and Kasha are great role models for our values of care, respect and honesty.



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This week we congratulate **Joshua Wadams** from Room 9 and **Bianka Woffindin** from Room 3 for winning the Good Shepherd Awards. Thank you, Joshua and Bianka for being such great role models for our values of care, respect and honesty.



### School/Parish Mass Sunday 19 June at 9.30am at Good Shepherd Church

We look forward to all our families joining the Good Shepherd parish community on Sunday 19 June. We are a parish school and although many of our families attend Mass in other parishes we ask that for one Sunday a term we gather together at Good Shepherd Church. Children please wear school uniform and sit with your families. In order to make this a special Good Shepherd community occasion, here are a few of reminders:

- Please be punctual – children and their families should arrive no later than 9.15am
- Please bring a can or packet to donate to the parish Caring Group
- Please join in the singing – the words to all the music will be in your programme
- Don’t forget there are two collections at Good Shepherd parish – the first one is for the support of priests and the second one is for the support of the parish

### Initiation Programme of First Communion, Confirmation and Reconciliation commences on Sunday 19 June 2016

Enrolment forms and preparation details for the 2016 Sacramental programme are available from the school office.

### Road Safety

It's great to see so many of our children walking to school, either on the Walking School Buses or with their family or friends. This is a reminder to be careful when crossing roads. There are a number of 'speed bumps' in the streets around the school and sometimes people treat these as pedestrian crossings. These are put there to slow the traffic down but they are not official crossings and cars do not have to stop for people crossing over them. Please always cross with care.

### Walking School Bus Award



The walking school bus award goes to Sienna Woods from the Northern Explorers walking school bus for developing great road safety skills and for always being one of the first kids to arrive for the bus.

# Book Week at Good Shepherd

## Monday 20-Friday 24 June

"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go."

-Dr. Seuss, I can Read With My Eyes Shut!

This is what will be happening during Book Week this year:

- **Scholastic Book Fair** will be held in the library and open each day before and after school: 8.30-9.00am and 3.00-3.30pm. Eftpos available. Books may be purchased for personal use or donated to the library. Children will visit the Book Fair with their class tomorrow (Friday 17 June) and will bring home a 'wish list'.
- **Mystery book box** for each class-unwrap and read.
- **Buddy Reading** and 'teacher classroom swap' for story reading.
- **D.E.A.R.** (Drop everything and read).
- **Classroom book activities.**
- **Competitions & activities** in the library at lunchtime.



**Monday 20 June:**

Visiting Storyteller-**Stu Duval**

**Tuesday 21 June:**

Visiting Author and Poet-**Paula Green**

**Wednesday 22 June:**

Classroom Literary Activities

**Thursday 23 June:**

Classroom Literary Activities

**Friday 24 June:**

**9am-10.00am (approx) Book Character Parade**-come to school dressed as your favourite book character.

**11.30-12.30 Literary Treasure Hunt**-Find and answer the book clues around the school.

*You're Invited:*

Friday 24 June at 9.00am: Book Character Parade



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# Making a Siapo in Ruma Waru

During Samoan Language Week, one of the things we looked at was a siapo- Samoan mat made from the bark of a Mulberry tree. The designs on the siapo are about shapes and patterns. We looked at various designs then used dye, vivid and crayons to create our own siapo.



## From the PTA

### **THANK YOU!**

Once again, a huge thank you to everyone for the part they played at Grandparents Day – whether it was setting up, manning the BBQ, baking, making sandwiches or sending your children with a gold coin – it all helped so thank you very much.

The event made \$1,900.00.

Everyone for supporting Room 6's cake – the winner was Elliott Humphrey and the raffle raised \$201.90.

Rachel and Emma for organizing the parents' morning tea held last Friday. It was a lovely morning and a great way to meet and chat with other parents. Keep your eyes peeled for the next one.

### **Save the dates**

Sick of the kids having a better social life than you? Mark these dates in your diary now – we will keep you posted down the track.

**1 July: KIDS DISCO** (okay, so that's for the kids....) hosted by the Holey Fathers.

**10 September: QUIZ NIGHT** – a social highlight of the school held every two years, so not to be missed.

### **Stuck on You Stickers**

Throw those vivids away people – we sell ***Stuck on You Stickers***, thanks to Dianne Van Aken. 20% of sales go to our PTA. It's a fantastic way to label things (just not the children...) and is easy to do. Sample labels can be viewed at the school office or you can go to [www.stuckonyou.co.nz](http://www.stuckonyou.co.nz).

### **PTA meeting**

The next meeting will be held Tuesday 19 June, 7.30pm in the staffroom. We would love to see you there. Meetings are not long and a great way to catch up. #PTAiscool

### **Caring Committee Cans**

Our Queen of Caring, Malia, wishes to remind us that it is Can Day at Family Mass on Sunday. Please bring a can or 3 and drop in the PTA baskets at the Church foyer. Spread the love.

### **We are on Facebook!**

Simply search Good Shepherd School PTA and request to join. It is a closed group, full of reminders of up and coming events.

Need to know something – catch one of us at school or flick me an email to [rbcpxtra@xtra.co.nz](mailto:rbcpxtra@xtra.co.nz).

Have a great rest of the week everyone.

*Carla and the PTA team*